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Re: Application of: Jean-Paul MARDON et al.  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This letter is in response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2009. Please reconsider the above identified patent application based on the following: